welfare of tribal areas. In fact he has been meetin gthe tribal population from time to time. It is very shocking that top priority has not been given to it. Will the Government speed it up and evolve some.....

MR. CHAIRMAN: You have not followed the answer of the Minister. The Minister says that the fault lies with the State Government. Next Question. Question No. 329. Mr. Ramamurthy.

Water for Hauzrani villages of Delhi

*329. SHRI THINDIVANAM K. RAMAMURTHY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water tank was constructed and inaugurated last year in the urbanised village, Hauzrani in South Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the reasons fo its non-functioning so far and by when it is likely to function; and

(c) what other steps are being taken to supply adequate quantity of water to the residents of the village?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): A water tank was constructed and completed about a year back by the DDA at Hauzrani villages.

(b) and (c) The tank could not, however, be commissioned so far as arrangements for water supply, either from a tubewell or any other source, could not be made. The water tank has recently been transferred from the DDA to the MCD. The MCD is taking steps to make this tank functional. The MCD is taking action to provide filtered water to the village by making direct connection of the feeder man with the distribution system of the village. Trial bore tests are also being conducted to explore the possibility of providing a tubewell.

SHRI THINDIVANAM K. RAMAMURTHY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, I would like to know how much time it will take for completing this and for making proper arrangements.

SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: As I have already said. Sir, the MCD has taken over this and I can say that within five or six months it will be completed.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Ramamurthy, you put your second supplementary.

SHRI THINDIVANAM K. RAMAMURTHY: I have no other supplementary to put, Sir.

MR. CHAIRMAN: All right. Next Question No. 330. Mr. Basudeb Mohapatra.

Losses suffered by the FCI unit at Talcher

*330. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Fertilizer Corporation of India unit at Talcher had been incurring huge losses during the last three years;

(b) if so, the amount of losses suffered by the unit during that period; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to improve the situation in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FERTILIZERS IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI R. PRABHU): (a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Talcher plant of the Fertilizer Corporation of India Limited (FCI) suffered a loss of Rs. 20.01 crores, Rs. 42.94 crores and Rs. 38.46 crores (provisional) during 1984-85, 1985-86 and 1986-87, respectively.

(c) On the basis of an end-to-end survey of the plant, M|s. Krup Koppers, West Germany have suggested various measures to improve the performance of the

Pending major modifications, the following short-term measures have been taken to improve the performance:—

1. A 30 MW Gas Turbine has been installed.

2. A Waste Heat Boiler is being installed at the tail of the Gas Turbine to augment steam availability.

3. Leaky tube bundles of the Waste Heat Boilers have been/are proposed to be replaced.

4. An ultrasonic thickness measurement is planned to be carried out in the piping system in the next annual turn around to replace weak pipes to avoid break down.

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Sir, the honourable Minister has stated that the Talcher plant has suffered a loss of Rs. 102 crores during the last three years consecutively. But he has not stated the reasons for such a losses. I would like to know what are the reasons for such losses and also what was the production loss during these three years.

SHRI R. PRABHU: Sir, there have been many reasons for these losses in the Talcher plant. But, basically, Sir, as I was mentioning while answering a question earlier the technology itself is a new technology using coal as the feedstock. Because of this there were many new problems which they were not able to get over. But there have been some specific problems in this plant and there is a list of these things. If you want, I can read them out. The first is the shortage of power in Orissa which is a major factor for not having good production. There are other problems like the air separation plants having leakages, waste heat boilers having frequent leakages, service boilers not being there as stand-by ones and then the problem with the coal preparation plants. There are various other technical problems which I can send in writing to the honourable Member if he requires.

With regard to the production in this plant during these years, I do not have the figures right now. But I will send them if he wants.

MR. CHAIRMAN: Yes, Mr. Mohapatra, you put your second supplementary.

SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Sir, my second supplementary relates to part (c) of the question. The honourable Minister has stated that the West German firm, M|s. Krup Koppers, has recommended some short-term measures to improve the performance of the plant. Sir, to my knowledge, the said Company has also recommended some long-term measures. I would like to know from the honourable Minister what these long-term measures are and whether these long-term measures will be implemented in this plan itself.

SHRI R. PRABHU: Sir, as the honourable Member himself has said, the West German firm, M|s. Krup Koppers, has suggested some long-term measures for the rehabilitation of this plant and the total cost of these will be Rs. 253.54 crores. Because of the resources constraint we are not able to implement these long-term measures immediately. But we have taken up some short-term measures for implementation for improving the performance of the plant. We have installed a 30 MW gas turbine so that we do not have any power problems there. We have also taken other short-term measures like installation of a waste heat boiler and replacing the leaky tube bundles.

MR. CHAIRMAN: He wants to know what the long-term measures are.

SHRI R. PRABHU: They are modification of the existing air separation plant, having additional gastification system, having additional coal preparation system having two numbers of 180-tonne highpressure boilers along with 60 MW power generation units, etc. We have also a proposal to have more ammonia storage capacity, that is 5,000 tonnes. These are the long-term measures proposed by this Company and these measures involve an investment of Rs. 253.54 crores. But the money is not readily available...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.